Noah and the Flood

Genesis 6:1-9:17

Characters: Narrator, God, Noah

Narrator: The descendents of Adam and Eve began to fill and populate the earth. Many people had forgotten about God, and began to live in sin and live in wickedness. God became very angry.

God: I will wipe mankind, whom I have created, from the face of the earth—men and animals, creatures that move along the ground and the birds of the air—for I am grieved that I have made them.

Narrator: But, not everyone on earth was evil and lived in wickedness. Noah and his family continued to worship God, and lived godly lives. God came down to Noah, and said:

God: I am going to put an end to all people, because they have brought violence and wickedness to the earth. I am going to destroy everything. Make yourself an ark out of cypress wood so you will be protected from the flood waters I am about to send. I am going to destroy all life under the heavens, and everything on earth will perish. But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—and your sons' and their families as well. You are to bring two of all living creatures—male and female—to keep them alive with you. You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and them. And you are to take seven pairs of every kind of clean animal, and seven pairs of every kind of bird.

Narrator: Noah did as God commanded him, and built an ark. Others around him made fun of Noah, because he was building a boat in the middle of the dessert. But, the floodwaters of heaven came, and began to pour upon the earth. Noah and his family entered the ark, and were safe, while everyone else had perished. It rained upon the earth for forty days and forty nights. The waters flooded the earth for one hundred fifty days after it stopped raining. Noah wondered if it was safe to come out of the ark.

Noah: I'm going to send out this raven, and see if it lands anywhere on the earth.

Narrator: But the raven continued to fly around the ark, waiting for the flood waters to recede.

Noah: I am going to try to send out a dove as well, and see if it lands somewhere.

Narrator: Noah sent out the dove, but the dove immediately returned to the ark.

Noah: I guess the waters still haven't dried up yet.

Narrator: Noah and his family waited another week. He sent out the dove once again, and it came back with an olive branch.

Noah: This is a fresh olive branch—the waters must be drying up! I'm going to send the dove out once more, just to be sure.

Narrator: Noah sent out the dove again, but it did not come back. Noah had assumed that all of the waters had dried up, and came out of the ark. God then said to Noah:

God: Come out of the ark! Bring out all of the animals, so they can multiply on the earth.

Narrator: Noah took some of the clean animals, and made a sacrifice to God. God smelled the sacrifices, and told Noah:

God: Be fruitful and increase in number, and fill the earth. I have given you the green plants and the animals for food.

Narrator: Then God gave Noah his covenant:

God: I now establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be cut off by the waters of a flood, never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth. This is the sign of the covenant I am making with you: a rainbow. Whenever the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures on earth.

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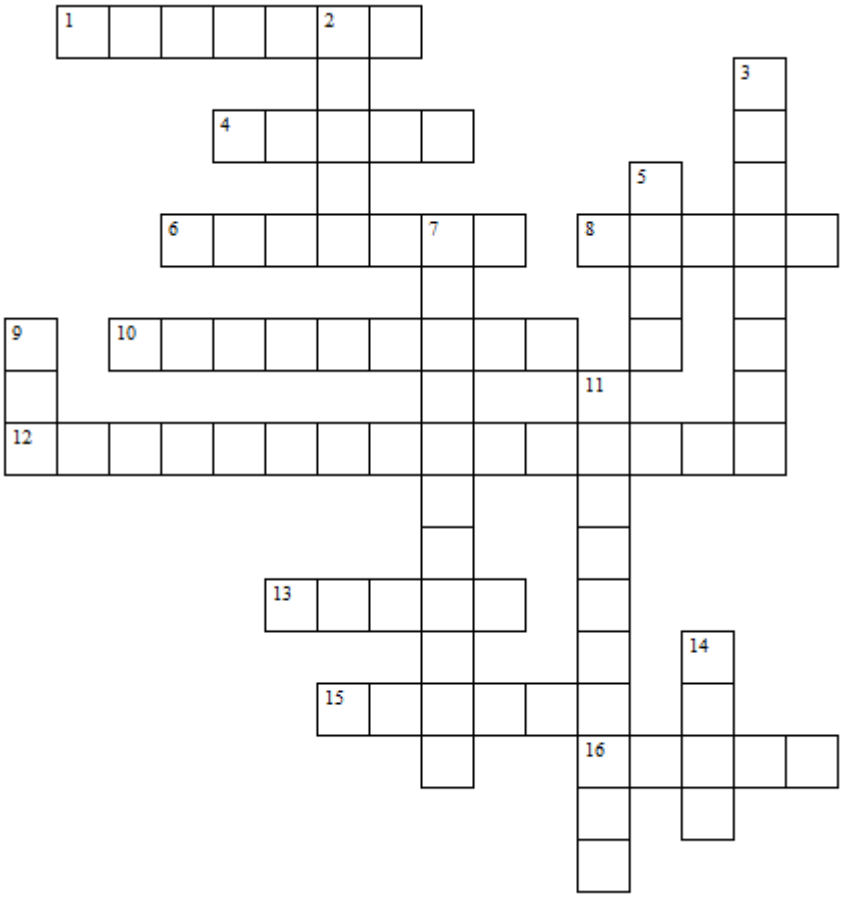

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1 Noah built the ark out of this type of wood.
4 The number of pairs of each kind of bird on the ark.
6 This was the symbol of God's covenant.
8 The number of days and nights it rained upon the earth.
10 Noah offered this to God after the flood to praise him.
12 The number of days the earth was flooded after it had stopped raining.
13 This was the first thing Noah built after he left the ark.
15 God flooded the earth because most men were this.
16 Noah sent this bird out first to see if the flood waters had receded.

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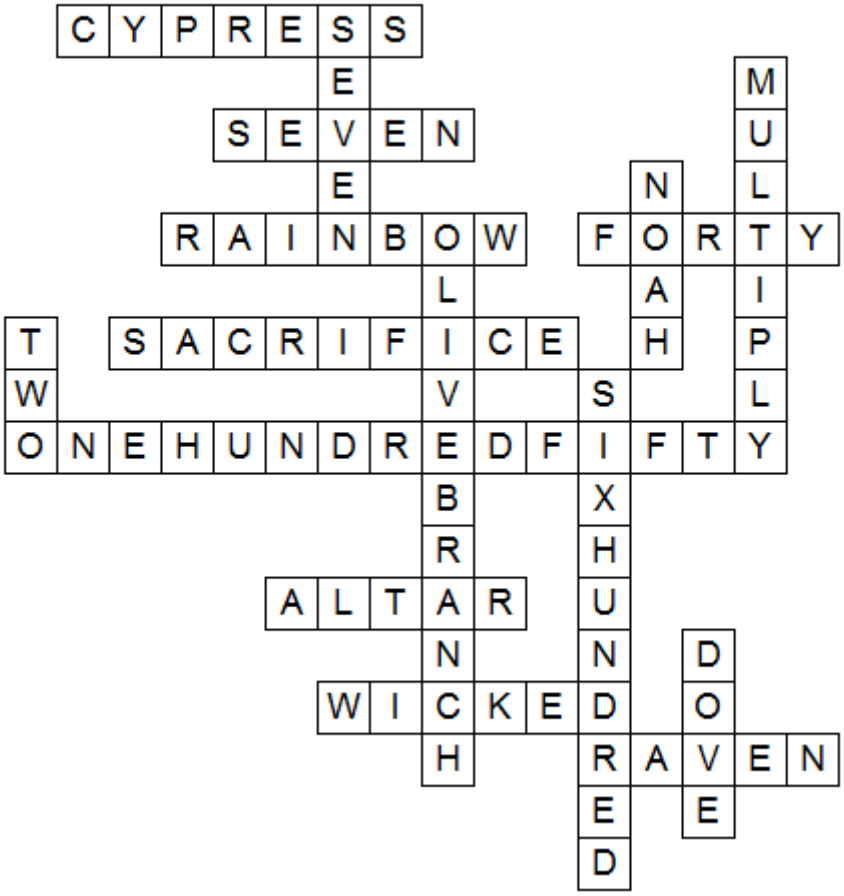
2 The number of pairs of each kind of clean animal on the ark.
3 God told Noah and his family they should do this after the flood.
5 God saved this man and his family from the flood.
7 The dove brought back this, showing that the flood was over.
9 The number of each kind of unclean animal on the ark.
11 Noah was this many years old when the flood happened.
14 This was the second kind of bird Noah sent out to see if the flood waters had receded.

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